

Special Session

Agenda Item #	4
Meeting Date	28 April 2008
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Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution Authorizing Submission of the 2008/2009 Safe Routes to School Program Application
Background	<p>The Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO) is accepting applications for the third year of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) federal grant program for projects designed to increase the number of children who walk and bike to school and improve the safety of those doing so.</p> <p>In the first round of SRTS grant funding, the City of Takoma Park received \$149,500 for infrastructure projects and programming for safety, education and encouragement to walk/bike to school. The City received an additional \$127,800 in grant funds during the second round of funding to continue existing programming, complete a City-wide missing sidewalk study, and install \$50,000 of sidewalk based on the study.</p> <p>The City proposes to apply for additional SRTS funding in the amount of \$147,570 for the following activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continuation of Safe Routes to School programming and events. 2. Installation of 10,000 sq. ft. of sidewalks with locations to be established upon completion of the upcoming sidewalk study. 3. Additional traffic enforcement near schools included in the program area. <p>The projects, if approved, would be completed within the 24-month grant period (October 2008 - October 2010).</p>
Policy	To support a hierarchy of sidewalks, paths, and bikeways connecting to parks, schools, shops, and other public facilities. - <i>Takoma Park Master Plan</i>
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution authorizing submission of Safe Routes to School grant application.
Recommendation	To approve accompanying resolution.
Special Consideration	The proposed application is due April 30, 2008.

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2008-

**AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Takoma Park City Council recognizes that there is a significant need for pedestrian safety improvements, especially concerning school children; and

WHEREAS, the Council supports improving pedestrian safety through safety programs and infrastructure improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park has proposed the undertaking of a variety of projects designed to increase the number of children who walk and bike safely to school; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Highway Safety Office (MHSO), through its Safe Routes to School program or in cooperation with other State departments or agencies, may provide all of the financing for the projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland hereby authorizes the submission of an application to the Maryland State Highway Office for the 2008/2009 Safe Routes to School program and hereby approves the request in the form of a grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all required documents and take any action necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

Adopted this ____ day of April 2008.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Bruce A. Williams, Mayor